

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method for distribution of scrambled data and/or services to at least one master terminal and to at least one slave terminal linked with the master terminal, the method comprising:

transmitting by a central management module to the master terminal a first secret code and transmitting by the central management module to each slave terminal a second secret code in a biunique relationship with the first secret code; ~~and~~

storing the first secret code S_m in the master terminal and the second secret code S_s in each slave terminal and,

for each use of a slave terminal by a user,

checking the compatibility of the master and slave secret codes,

inviting said user to enter the first secret code S_m in said slave terminal if said first secret code S_m is not already stored in the slave terminal or if said second secret code S_s is not in a biunique relationship with the secret code S_m previously saved in the slave terminal

~~authorizing reception of the data and/or services by a slave terminal only if the first secret code is previously stored in the slave terminal.~~

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 11, further comprising:
defining a first type of entitlement management messages to transmit the first secret code to the master terminal, and defining a second type of entitlement management messages to transmit the second secret code to each slave terminal;

~~storing~~ transmitting the first secret code ~~in~~ to the master terminal within said first type of entitlement management messages (EMMm) and ~~storing~~ transmitting the second secret code ~~in~~ to each slave terminal within said second type of entitlement management messages (EMMs); and

~~for each use of a slave terminal,~~

~~requesting that the first secret code be entered up in the slave terminal if the first secret code is not already stored in the slave terminal or if the second secret code is not in a biunique relationship with the first secret code saved in the slave terminal.~~

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 11, further comprising generating at a variable frequency a new first secret code and a new second secret code in a biunique relationship with the new first secret code.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 13, further comprising:
defining a first type of entitlement management messages (EMMm) to transmit the new first secret code to the master terminal, and defining a second type of entitlement management messages (EMMs) to transmit the new second secret code to each slave terminal;

transmitting the new first secret code to the master terminal within said first type of EMMm and the new second secret code to each slave terminal within said second type of EMMs,

storing the new first secret code in the master terminal and storing the new second secret code in each slave terminal; and

for each use of a slave terminal,

checking if the new second secret code is ~~not~~ in a biunique relationship with the new first secret code previously stored in the slave terminal, ~~requesting that the new first secret code be entered up in the slave terminal.~~

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 11, wherein each terminal comprises a security processor.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 15, wherein the security processor comprises a smart card linked with the terminal.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 16, wherein the smart card is paired with the terminal.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A scrambled data and/or service distribution system for at least one master terminal and at least one slave terminal, each equipped with a security processor, the system comprising:

- a central subscriber management module;
- an entitlement management message generator;
- a scrambling platform;
- means for attributing to the master terminal a first secret code, and to each slave terminal a second secret code in a biunique relationship with the first secret code;
- means for transferring the first secret code to the slave terminal; and
- control means for authorizing reception of the data and/or services by a slave terminal only if the first secret code is previously stored in the slave terminal.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 18, comprising a single master terminal and a single slave terminal.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 18, comprising a plurality of master terminals and a plurality of slave terminals.

Claim 21 (New): A method according to claim 11, wherein the slave terminal is not authorized to be used by said user if said first secret code S_m is not already stored in the slave terminal or if said second secret code S_s is not in a biunique relationship with the secret code S_m previously saved in the slave terminal.